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...SUBJECT: JAMIAT-I-ISLAMI COMMENT ON MUJAHIDEEN ATTACKS INTO  
...SOVIET TERRITORY

...1. THE MAY 1 EDITION OF "AFGHAN NEWS", PUBLISHED BY THE POLITICAL  
...COMMITTEE OF PROFESSOR BURHANUDDIN RABBIS JAMIAT-I-ISLAMI,  
...OFFERS A COMMENTARY ON MUJAHIDEEN RAIDS INTO THE  
...SOVIET UNION. SINCE JAMIAT IS THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE PARTY WITH  
...THE LARGEST FOLLOWING AND MOST EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN  
...AFGHANISTAN, THE EDITORIAL IS OF SOME INTEREST IN UNDERSTANDING  
...MUJAHIDEEN ATTITUDES TOWARD SUCH ATTACKS. TEXT FOLLOWS.

...2. HEADLINE: CROSS-BORDER OPERATION WHICH THE SOVIETS ADMIT.  
...BEGIN TEXT:

...3. IN THE LAST FEW MONTH THE SOVIET NEWS MEDIA HAS ADMITTED  
...THAT MUJAHIDEEN RECENTLY HAVE MADE AT LEAST TWO ATTACKS INSIDE  
...THE SOVIET TERRITORY. SUCH ATTACKS HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTED  
...BY THE MUJAHIDEEN. LET US SEE WHAT IS THE NATURE OF SUCH  
...ATTACKS AND HOW SERIOUS THEY COULD BE FROM THE RESISTANCE  
...POINT OF VIEW? AND WHY THE SOVIET MEDIA IS ADMITTING THE  
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OCCURANCE OF SUCH INCIDENTS?

4. ATTACKS LAUNCHED INSIDE THE SOVIET TERRITORY ARE OF A LIMITED  
NATURE. THEY ARE SMALL SCALE AND HAPPEN OCCASIONALLY. WE DO  
NOT KNOW OF ANY MAJOR PLANNED OPERATION AGAINST THE SOVIET  
TERRITORY. THE REASON IS SIMPLE. THE SOVIETS TRY TO GIVE THE  
IMPRESSION THAT THEIR INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN IS AN ACT OF  
SELF-DEFENSE TO PROTECT THE CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS AGAINST  
IDEOLOGICAL AND DIRECT MILITARY THREATS. EVEN SOME ANALYSTS

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HAVE CONSIDERED THIS FEAR TO BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN THEIR  
DECISION TO INVADE AFGHANISTAN.

5. REPETITION OF LARGE SCALE MILITARY OPERATIONS INSIDE THE SOVIET  
UNION CAN BE USED TO JUSTIFY THEIR NAKED INVASION. WHILE  
THE MUJAHIDEEN HAVE THE MILITARY CAPABILITIES TO CARRY OUT  
LARGER ATTACKS INSIDE THE ENEMY TERRITORY, THEY HAVE LIMITED  
THEMSELVES TO FIGHTING THE ENEMY INSIDE AFGHANISTAN TO EXPOSE  
THE EXPANSIONIST NATURE OF THE SOVIET INVASION. ISLOATED  
AND SMALL SCALE ATTACKS INSIDE SOVIET TERRITORY CAN BE THE  
WORK OF SOME LOCAL COMMANDERS WHO RESORT TO SUCH ACTIONS  
AFTER WATCHING SOVIET ATROCITIES AGAINST THEIR PEOPLE.

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6. AS FAR AS THE SOVIETS ARE CONCERNED, THEY HAVE CARRIED OUT  
CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS SINCE THEIR INVASION OF 1979. EVEN  
BEFORE THEIR INVASION, SOVIET MILITARY PLANES VERY OFTEN  
CROSSED THE BORDER FOR RECONNAISSANCE PURPOSES (THE WRITER  
WAS A WITNESS TO SUCH AN INCURSION IN OCTOBER OF 1979 IN  
BADAKHSHAN PROVINCE).

7. DURING MAJOR OFFENSIVES, SOVIET BORDER GUARDS CROSS THE  
BORDER TO OPERATE AGAINST THE MUJAHIDEEN, AND COMMANDOS ARE  
AERLIFTED FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE OXUS RIVER TO THE BATTLE  
FIELDS IN THE NORTH, NORTH-EAST AND NORTH-WEST PARTS OF THE  
COUNTRY. BOMBING OF THE VILLAGES OF AFGHANS BY PLANES FLOWN  
FROM THE BASES INSIDE THE SOVIET TERRITORY IS A COMMON PRACTICE.  
BORDER PUPPET POSTS ARE SUPPLIED FROM SOVIET TERRITORY AND  
EVEN THEY ARE PROVIDED WITH HEAVY WEAPONS SUPPORT FIRE. PRISONERS  
TAKEN FROM THE BORDER AREAS IN AFGHANISTAN ARE FLOWN TO THE  
SOVIET UNION AND AFTER INTERROGATION ARE DELIVERED TO THE  
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PUPPETS. IT HAS BEEN SEEN THAT DURING THE OPERATIONS SOVIET  
SOLDIERS LOAD THEIR HELICOPTERS WITH CAPTURED GOODS AND  
EVEN ANIMALS AND TAKE THEM TO THE SOVIET UNION.

8. THE SOVIET NEWS MEDIA DISCLOSES THE ATTACKS ON SOVIET TERRITORY  
TO JUSTIFY THEIR MASSACRES AND LARGE SCALE "CIRCLE AND SUPPRESS"  
OPERATIONS IN THE NORTH OF AFGHANISTAN. SUCH AN ATTACK WAS  
LAUNCHED AGAINST IMAM SAHIB IN QUNDUZ PROVINCE A MONTH AGO WHICH  
LEFT A TRAIL OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BEHIND IT.

9. IN SHORT, SOVIETS CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS ARE COMMON AND THOSE OF THE MUJAHIDEEN ARE ISOLATED INCIDENTS. THE SOVIETS TRY TO USE THE ISOLATED INCIDENTS TO JUSTIFY THEIR MASSACRES AND OTHER FORMS OF ATROCITIES.

10. AS FAR AS THE IDEOLOGICAL THREAT TO THE CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS ARE CONCERNED THE THREAT COMES FROM THE SOVIET SYSTEM ITSELF. THE PEOPLE OF THIS AREA WERE MUSLIMS WITH A RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE. SOVIETS CRUSHED THEIR CULTURE AND ATTACKED THEIR RELIGION. THE SUPPRESSIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SOVIET LEADERS DID NOT ELIMINATED THE LOVE OF ISLAM FROM THE HEARTS OF MUSLIMS. RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, IMPOSITION OF THE RUSSIAN

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE AND LACK OF FREEDOM ARE THE COMMON CAUSES OF DIS-SATISFACTION AMONG THE MUSLIMS IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE PROBLEMS OF THIS SORT HAVE THEIR ROOTS IN THE SOVIET SYSTEM. THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN IS FOR THE LIBERATION OF THEIR COUNTRY AND IT DOES NOT HAVE A DIRECT LINK WITH THE SITUATION THERE. IF THIS WAR FOR LIBERATION HAS AN INDIRECT EFFECT ON THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL ASIA, THE WARLORDS OF THE KREMLIN MUST BE BLAMED FOR IT BECAUSE THEY INVADDED AFGHANISTAN AND FORCED THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST AGGRESSION. END TEXT.

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